

Placemat Purse

Supplies:

One placemat for purse

One napkin to match for straps and bottom

(Napkin can possibly be used for 2 purses)

Very stiff cardboard (can be found in old binders, students throw these away all the time.

Trims to add to purse (opt.)

1. Fold placemat in half, right-sides-together.
2. Sew both sides of placemat, back stitch both ends (especially top).
3. To make the bottom corners, fold bottom to make box. This should measure about 3". Sew across to make "box bottom".
4. Turn bag right-sides-out.
5. Opt. to form a sharp corner, pin tuck along fold. This is sewing very close to the edge (1/8").
6. From the napkin, cut two straps 3" wide by 20" long. If you want wider strap, cut straps wider.
7. Fold long edges to center, press, fold again in half. Sew along both edges, 1/8" from edge. Depending on the napkin, the strap might shift when topstitching.
8. Sew straps to bag 3" from sides. It is always a good idea to sew a box to make strap secure.
9. Add trims if desired.
10. Insert for bottom of bag:
Cut a very hard card board 3" X 8 1/2".
From napkin cut a 6 1/2" X 9" rectangle. Hem both 9" sides. Fold and sew a 1/4" seam to make a sleeve. Insert the card board. Place in the bottom of bag.
11. Enjoy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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